

# Do's and Don'ts when creating: Accessible library resources

-  **DO** – work with students. Listen to your target audience and find out the information they need to know about your services.
-  **DON'T** – reinvent the wheel. There are many university libraries that have done this type of work. See what they have done and find way to adapt it to your organisation's needs.
-  **DO** – set a budget and stick to it. It doesn't have to be huge. There's plenty that can be achieved with just hard-work and grit but knowing what you can spend will ensure you have appropriate expectations.
-  **DON'T** – covet what other universities have. Use other institutions for inspiration but don't become frustrated by or jealous of those that seem to have done more or have more.
-  **DO** – get creative. Some unconventional thinking and a bit of play may help you to come up with some surprising results.
-  **DON'T** – get stuck in your ways. Just because that was the way it was always done doesn't mean that is the way it must be done.
-  **DO** – give yourself plenty of time. Just as Rome wasn't built in a day neither were accessible resources. Set yourself small achievable targets.
-  **DON'T** – get discouraged. There might be push-back and delays but remember you are fighting the good fight and the results with all be worth it.
-  **DO** – learn from your mistakes. Be open to feedback from your students and colleagues.
-  **DON'T** – think your work will ever be done. It should be an ongoing process. There will always be ways you can improve your offering.

Have you used accessible design principles?

**Use this guide on accessible design principles if you are unsure.**